Foundations of Clinical Medicine Seminar 1: "The Call of Medicine"

Seminar co-directors: Martin Kohn, PhD and Molly Wimbiscus, MD

Students will meet weekly in small and large group format to discuss the dual meaning of a medical vocation: exploring it as a calling that goes beyond possession of technical skills, to one that also includes membership in a moral community that professes broader obligations, and thereby more complex responsibilities. Text material will be grounded in bioethics, health systems, diversity and disparities, and narrative and art. Practitioners and scholars whose work focuses on those areas will join our discussions. Reflective writing exercises based on caregiving experiences in the longitudinal clinic will augment our discussions.

Foundations of Clinical Medicine Seminar 2: “Creative Response to the Context of Care”

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Students will meet weekly in small and large group format to explore health systems and then engage in a Creative Investigation project incorporating themes from the first two years of the seminar. The first block focuses on the U.S healthcare system and our system in comparison to those of several other nations. The second block’s (Creative Investigation project) outcome goal is to devise creative health promotion material through qualitative investigation of vulnerable patients/patient groups in our community. Choices of patients/community groups to interact with and media for expressing the experience will be determined by student interest.